

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 6, 8-11, 20 and 28, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic electronic apparatus having a display viewable by a user of the apparatus, comprising:
a photographic device acquiring image information of a user that operated the electronic apparatus;

a first memory, provided within said electronic apparatus, storing therein a parameter representing at least conditions of an illegal use of said apparatus
parameters which are set by a user authorized to access said electronic apparatus and representing conditions at which said image information is to be acquired, wherein said conditions include when a power supply for said electronic apparatus is turned ON, when a BIOS setup program installed in said electronic apparatus is activated, when said electronic apparatus is resumed, and when an illegal password is entered in said electronic apparatus;

a second memory, provided within said electronic apparatus, storing image information acquired by a said photographing device which photographs a user of said apparatus; and

a control unit reading out said parameters from said first memory when a user operates said electronic apparatus, directing acquisition of image information by said photographic device when one or more of said conditions represented by the read parameters are established, and storing, which stores, in said second memory, the acquired image information acquired by said photographing device which photographs the user when said conditions represented by said parameter read out from said first memory are established, and displays said stored image information on the display so that the displayed image information is viewable in order to identify an illegal user, wherein said control unit causes the acquired image information to be read out from said second memory and then displayed on said display.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electric electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said control unit displays the acquired controls the output of said image information, read out from stored in said second memory, in accordance with an output direction.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said control unit directs a BIOS setup program to read out said parameter-parameters in said first memory and to record said image information in said second memory.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 3, wherein said control unit directs an operating system or an application program running on said electronic apparatus to set and alter said parameter parameters in said first memory via an interface prepared on said BIOS setup program.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 3, wherein said control unit directs said BIOS setup program to output said image information recorded in said second memory through said operating system or said application program.

6. (CANCELED)

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An electronic apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein an image data management header, a recording time, a recording timing, a recording format and image data related to said image information are recorded in said second memory.

8. (CANCELED)

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11. (CANCELED)

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 6Claim 1, wherein an image information acquiring format and writing mode are selected, set and stored in said first memory as said parameter.

13. (ORIGINAL) An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 12, wherein the mode of writing said image data into said second memory is of an overwriting or an appending mode.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable recording medium having a program recorded therein readable by a computer to execute:

reading out a parameter parameters from a first memory provided in an electronic apparatus having said computer, the parameters being set by a user authorized to access said apparatus and representing conditions at which image information of a user that operated the apparatus is to be acquired, wherein said conditions include when a power supply for said

apparatus is turned ON, when a BIOS setup program installed in said apparatus is activated,
when said apparatus is resumed, and when an illegal password is entered in said
apparatus which represents at least conditions for an illegal use of said apparatus;
determining the establishment of one or more of said conditions;
acquiring image information from a photographing device which photographs a user that
ef_operated said apparatus, when said one or more of said conditions are established;
storing the acquired image information in a second memory provided in-within said
apparatus; and
displaying said stored-image information, read out from said second memory, on a
display of said apparatus ~~so that the displayed image information is viewable in order to identify~~
an illegal user.

15. (ORIGINAL) A recording medium as set forth in Claim 14 having stored therein a program for controlling the output of said image information stored in said second memory in accordance with an output direction.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium as set forth in Claim 14 having stored therein a program for directing a BIOS setup program to read out said parameter parameters in said first memory and to record said image information in said second memory.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program for directing an operating system or an application program, running on said apparatus, to set and alter said parameter-parameters in said first memory via an interface prepared on said BIOS setup program.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program for directing said BIOS setup program to output said image information recorded in said second memory through said operating system or said application program.

19. (ORIGINAL) A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program for recording in said second memory a image data management header, a recording time, a recording timing, a recording format and image data related said image information.

20. (CANCELED)

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program for selecting, setting and storing recording timing, a format and a writing mode, for each of the conditions representing conditions for obtaining image information in said first memory.

22. (ORIGINAL) A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program wherein the mode of writing said image data into said second memory is of an overwriting or an appending mode.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image information control method, comprising reading out a parameterparameters from a first memory provided in-within an apparatus, which represents at least conditions for an illegal use of said apparatus the parameters being set by a user authorized to access said apparatus and representing conditions at which image information of a user that operated the apparatus is to be acquired, wherein said conditions include when a power supply for said apparatus is turned ON, when a BIOS setup program installed in said apparatus is activated, when said apparatus is resumed, and when an illegal password is entered in said apparatus;

determining the establishment of one or more of said conditions;

acquiring image information from a photographing device which photographs a user of said apparatus, when one or more of said conditions are established;

storing the acquired image information in a second memory provided in-within said apparatus;

reading out said image information from said second memory; and

displaying said read out image information on a display of said apparatus so that the displayed image information is viewable in order to identify an illegal user.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image information control method as set forth in Claim 23, wherein a BIOS setup program is directed to read out said parameterparameters in said first memory and to record said image information in said second memory.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image information control method as set forth in Claim 24, wherein an operating system or an application program running on said apparatus is directed to set and alter said parameterparameters in said first memory via an interface

prepared on said BIOS setup program.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image information control method as set forth in Claim 24, wherein said BIOS setup program is directed to output said image information recorded stored in said second memory through said operating system or said application program.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An image information control method as set forth in Claim 23, wherein a image data management header, a recording time, a recording timing, a recording format and image data related to said image information are recorded in said second memory.

28. (CANCELED)

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An image information control method as set forth in Claim 23, wherein a format and a writing mode, each representing conditions for obtaining image information, are selected, set and stored in said first memory.

30. (ORIGINAL) An image information control method as set forth in Claim 29, wherein the mode of writing said image data into said second memory is of an overwriting or an appending mode.

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a display ~~which is viewable by a user of the apparatus~~; and

a controller

determining when conditions are established, the conditions including when a power supply for the apparatus is turned ON, when a BIOS setup program installed in the apparatus is activated, when the apparatus is resumed, and when an illegal password is entered in the apparatus,

acquiring an image of the ~~a~~ user of the apparatus when it is determined that at least one of the conditions is established ~~the user has illegally accessed the apparatus,~~

storing the acquired image inside the apparatus, and

displaying the stored image on the display so that the displayed image is viewable in order to identify an illegal user.

32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus as in claim 31, wherein the apparatus is a personal computer system.

33 (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:
~~a display which is viewable by a user of the apparatus; and~~
~~means for determining when conditions are established, the conditions including when a power supply for the apparatus is turned ON, when a BIOS setup program installed in the apparatus is activated, when the apparatus is resumed, and when an illegal password is entered in the apparatus;~~
~~means for acquiring an image of the user of the apparatus when it is determined that at least one of the conditions is established; the user has illegally accessed the apparatus,~~
~~means for storing the acquired image inside the apparatus; and~~
~~means for displaying the stored image on the display so that the displayed image is viewable in order to identify an illegal user.~~

34. (NEW) An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the first and second memories are different types of memories.